



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1705**
Tadashi FUJII et al. : Docket No. 2001-0116A
Serial No. 09/762,230 : Group Art Unit 1652
Filed February 5, 2001 : Examiner Christian L. Fronda

GENE PARTICIPATING IN THE PRODUCTION OF HOMOGLUTAMIC ACID AND ITS USE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel without prejudice claims 1-15.

Please add the following new claims:

16. (New) An isolated nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 encoding a protein having

piperidine-6-carboxylic acid dehydrogenase activity, or a complementary strand thereof;